

It is with great satisfaction we learn that Joe Jefferson is improving and will recover. Although Jefferson is old enough to expect the final summons at any time, his stay with us has made so many of us happier and better that we dislike to think of his passing away. The old man was a good actor, he is a jolly friend and what's more he can beat Grover Cleveland fishing right in his own boat. That sort of a man ought not be removed from the earth short of a century at least.

The trouble man has the easiest job on the Independent. He has so little to do.

DEATH OF MRS. SCHUMACHER.

Everyone who knows Mr. T. M. Schumacher, the genial man who is at the head of the traffic department of the Oregon Short Line, will grieve with him because of the death of his estimable wife, which occurred at Los Angeles, Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Schumacher had been an invalid for some time, suffering from an affection of the heart. The interment will be at Palmyra, Ohio, and Mr. Schumacher is now en route for the east with the remains. Although Mrs. Schumacher was not so well known here as she might have been had her condition of health permitted her to reside in this altitude, she was a lovely woman, amiable and kind hearted and had many warm friends in the localities where she formerly lived. In common with all who are acquainted with the bereaved man, Truth extends its heartfelt sympathies to Mr. Schumacher in his hour of distress.

It's like this: All the operators on the Independent are schooled in politeness. That makes it pleasant.

TRUTHS.

Mrs. Fred T. Dubois is doing considerable talking of late about polygamists and the purity of the home. Reformation, like charity, should begin at home. Mrs. Dubois should start with the senator. Compared with such men as Fred T. Dubois and his bosom friend and twin relic, Frank J. Cannon, the life of the polygamist is a thing of beauty and a joy forever. We would advise Mrs. Dubois to drop that subject. Of course age may have improved Dubois' morals.

The three Graces. Purity in Politics, Lippman, Purity of the Home and Religion Cannon, and High Principle and Chastity, Kearns.

Gentle Republicans should not be misled by the rot that is published in the Tribune daily. Lippman, Cannon, and Kearns are trying to rally the Gentiles around them for the coming city campaign. Republicans and Democrats should stand by their party and run straight tickets.

The Tribune is on the rack over the statement that its subscription list has fallen off about 50 per cent in the last year or two. Its explanations do not explain. No paper that is not taken into the home is a good advertising medium. Business men should note this and not throw their money away by advertising in a paper that does not reach the buying public.

The report that F. Judas Cannon is seriously thinking of joining another Church is not credited on brokers' row. Cannon's religion does not go any further than his pocket. A religion without a chance to make money would be a useless one for Frank.

No more poetry from Frank Cannon appears in the Tribune.

Whether Frank has reformed or Joe refused to print is not known.

All the time the Tribune was denouncing the Inland Crystal Salt Co., and Joseph F. Smith, and charging them with charging \$8 per ton for salt, this commodity was being sold for \$2.50 per ton in this city, F. O. B. The Tribune's object was to knock Salt Lake and deceive the public.

Not Appendicitis.

A little lad whose parents attend the church of the Ascension being taken to the morning service for the first time was greatly impressed by a reference the clergyman made to the creation of Eve. A few days later he came to his mother, announcing: "My side hurts me very much bad and I think God is getting ready to take out one of my ribs and make me a wife."—New York Sun.

Even Trees Are Dead.

There is a cemetery in Savannah, Ga., where no one has been buried for fifty years. Here for three-quarters of a mile in extent the trees seem to meet in the clouds and present a most fantastic sight. Not a leaf is to be seen on the branches, but they are covered from trunk to twig with Spanish moss which, spreading over the great arms of the trees, saps their vitality.

Tailor Is Overworked.

A London tailor, suing for wages, testified that he worked from Thursday morning to late on Saturday night without a break, and when he collapsed on his bench and was taken home his employer dismissed him summarily because he could not work on the Sunday as well. He won his case.

American League Notes.

Kittredge has signed with Washington.

Catcher Bill Clark, of Washington, is wanted by Columbus.

Manager Griffith has loaned his young Bronx pitcher to the Atlanta Club. He is a southpaw.

Pitcher Martin, whom Boston lost by a mistake during the drafting season, has signed with Toledo.

Sluggish Stone, the Milwaukee recruit, is making a disappointing showing at bat with the Browns at Dallas.

If pitcher Newton's reports about Chase's ability to cover first are true, the Highlanders will not need Ganzel this season.

"Buck" Weaver, the Browns' recruit, is showing up splendidly. He is hitting the ball well and his receiving is all that could be asked for.

Jimmy Smith, scheduled to take "Rhody" Wallace's place at St. Louis' short field this season, is one of the smallest men in major league company.

Dick Padden will not be supplanted at second base by any of the Brownie "finds" picked up by Manager McAleer. A week's practice has proven that it would be folly to make a change.

Terry Turner has no notion whatever of being chased away from his position at Cleveland's short field by any newcomers on the team. His practice work is good to look upon.

Malachi Kittredge has placed his name to a Washington contract for the coming season. It was intended to sell him to the Detroit, but Capital City fans objected to the proposed change.

Rumor has it that "Lefty" Killian, of the Detroit Tigers, has been practicing all winter on a new curve which he intends to use more or less the coming season. It is called the "zag-zag," taking its name from the peculiar course of the ball after leaving the pitcher's hand.

Nick Kahl, the utility infielder that Cleveland secured from Colorado Springs, worked in a coal mine for 13 years before graduating into the ranks of professional base ball players, starting out as a breaker boy. Nick is nearly as wide as he is long, but nearly every one of his 192 pounds is bone and muscle.

Iowa League Items.

Manager Owens, of Burlington, to date has signed these players: Miles Conklin, Joe Wilkes, Jesse Hale, John Sullivan, A. W. Duvall, J. W. Killian, Case Snow, Buck Nolan, Lovell Friedli, Clyde Delshery, J. E. Duncan, W. S. Patterson, John Newman, Grogan and George Leopold.

The following exhibition games have been booked for the Burlington Club: April 9, Flynn's Independents at Burlington. April 15-16, with Daytonport "Three-I" at Burlington. April 19-20, with Des Moines at Des Moines. April 22-23, with Cedar Rapids. April 29-30, with Cedar Rapids at Burlington.

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